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DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT, ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT,
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING PIEZOCOMPOSITE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment (marked-up copy attached):

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the consecutive paragraphs, beginning on page 18, line 6, with the following:

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As a step of applying a paste containing a piezoelectric powder and a binder to the grooves 11, a paste composed of a piezoelectric powder, a binder, and a solvent was applied over the grooves 11 on the substrate 1 so as to fill the grooves 11, then, unnecessary paste portions 2 outside the grooves 11 were removed. As a result, the substrate 1 in which the paste was applied to only the inside of each groove 11 was obtained, as shown in the schematic perspective view of